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SUB: SENEGAL'S CHIEF ECONOMIC SPOKESMAN COMMENTS ON
SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION AND SECRETARY'S SPEECH

REF: A. STATE 207669; B. USUN 4099

SUMMARY: GOS FINANCE MINISTER BA HAS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION
THAT US HAS "ACCEPTED NECESSITY OF REVISION OF INTER-
NATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER," AND SAYS LDG'S ON WHOLE PLEASED
WITH POSITIVE ELEMENTS IN SECRETARY'S SPECIAL SESSION
SPEECH. IN AIRPORTIHRRIVAL REMARKS INDAKAR, BA SPOKE POSITIVE-
LY OF SPECIAL SESSION RESULTS, REITERATED SENEGAL'S SUPPORT
FOR PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE, AND AVOIDED MENTION OF
CONTENTIOUS ISSUES SUCH AS INDEXATION. HIS REMARKS PARALLEL
FAVORABLE REACTION TO SECRETARY'S PROPOSALS BY FOREIGN
MINISTER SECK AND OTHER SENEGALESE OFFICIALS. END
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SUMMARY.

1. GOS FINANCE MINISTER BABACAR BA, WHO HEADED SENEGALESE DELEGATION TO 7TH SPECIAL UN SESSION IN NEW YORK, MADE BRIEF AIRPORT REMARKS ONH HIS RETURN TO DAKAR, SEPTEMBER 13.

2. BA NOTED APPROVINGLY THAT, WHILE DISCUSSIONS AT 1974 6TH SESSION HAD BEEN LIMITED TO RAW MATERIALS, SUBJECT MATTER AT 7TH SESSION WAS ENLARGED TO INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION. HE SUGGESTED THAT SESSION'S MOST IMPORTANT RESULT WAS COLLECTIVE RESOLVE DEMONSTRATED BY BOTH DEVELOPING AND INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES TO REVISE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. HE ASSERTED THAT PAST INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER HAD BEEN CHARACTERIZED BY CONTINUING DECREASE IN EXPORT EARNINGS OF THIRD WORLD, BY EXPLOITATION ON TECHNOLOGICAL PLANE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY INDUSTRIALIZED STATES AND BY INADEQUATE INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOR. BA SAID THAT THESE ISSUES HAD BEEN TAKEN UP BY BOTH DEVELOPING AND INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS IN NEW YORK, AND REMARKED THAT "IT IS NECESSARY TO EXPRESS SATISFACTION THAT LARGE COUNTRY LIKE US HAS FINALLY ACCEPTED NECESSITY OF REVISION OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, BASED ON BETTER DIVISION OF WORLD'S RICHES AND ALSO ON MORE EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND BETTER INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOR. I CITE EXAMPLE OF THIS BECAUSE, AS YOU KNOW, UNTIL NOW IT WAS MOST RETICENT COUNTRY IN THIS RESPECT." HE REPORTED DEVELOPING NATIONS ON WHOLE HAD BEEN PLEASED WITH POSITIVE ELEMENTS WHICH HAD APPEARED IN SECRETARY KISSINGER'S INTERVENTION.

3. ASKED BY JOURNALIST WHETHER PROBLEMS OF ENERGY AND RAW MATERIALS MIGHT NOT BETTER BE TAKEN UP AT PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE THAN AT INTERNATIONAL LEVEL, BA SAID IT WAS EVIDENT THAT SUCH PROBLEMS COULD MORE EFFICACIOUSLY BE DEALT WITH IN MORE RESTRICTED MEETING. IT WAS FOR THAT REASON, HE SAID, THAT SENEGAL HAD SUPPORTED RECONVENING OF PARIS PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFERENCE TO DEAL WITH BOTH ENERGY PROBLEM AND RAW MATERIALS IN THEIR ENTIRETY TO IMPROVE REMUNERATION OF PRODUCERS AND ENSURE MORE CERTAIN SUPPLIES FOR CONSUMING COUNTRIES.

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4. BA DID NOT MENTION INDEXATION OR OTHER ECONOMIC ISSUES ON WHICH US AND SENEGAL PART COMPANY.

5. POSITIVE FLAVOR OF BA'S REMARKS CORRESPONDS TO OTHER REACTIONS EMBASSY HAS HEARD IN DAKAR IN RESPONSE TO SECRETARY'S SPEECH, WHICH EMBASSY HAS DISTRIBUTED WIDELY. (AMBASSADOR DELIVERED WIRELESS COPY IN FRENCH AND AIDE MEMOIRE TO THEN-ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER BOB SEPT. 4, AND SENT

ON SEPT. 9 LETTERS TO PRESIDENT, PRIME MINISTER, AND
FOUR KEY MINISTERS COVERING COPIES OF FRENCH TEXT; USIS-DAKAR
REPRODUCED 150 COPIES IN FRENCH FOR OTHER WEST AFRICAN
FRANCOPHONE POSTS AND MAILED 300 COPIES TO SELECTED
SENEGALESE). FOREIGN MINISTER SECK HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR
THAT HE WAS VERY PLEASED TO HEAR THAT PRESIDENT FORD AND
SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER FELT IT IMPORTANT TO TAKE
THIS IMPORTANT STEP TOWARD SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS OF RELATIONS
BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
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